

Ethics Committee Appoints Counsel For Flood Case

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The House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct yesterday appointed an outside special counsel to study reports of wrongdoing by Rep. Daniel J. Flood (D-Pa.).

Committee Chairman John J. Flynt Jr., (D-Ga.), in a statement, insisted that the move was not an investigation but a study to determine whether there was reason to believe that violations of law or codes of conduct had taken place. If such a determination is made, he said, an investigation could begin.

Flynt refused to name the congressman involved, but sources close to the committee said it was Flood.

"Since our function is quasi-judicial, I do not believe it would be proper for me or any other member to comment on the study until its completion," Flynt said.

Flood could not be reached for comment.

Flood is being investigated by the Justice Department in connection with his role in the funding of a \$65 million

construction project—Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia.

The special counsel named by Flynt, subject to final approval by the House Administration Committee, is Elliott Goldstein, a partner in the firm of Powell, Goldstein, Frazer and Murphy, with offices in Washington and Atlanta.

Goldstein will be assisted by two other lawyers with the firm—Mark Eaton and Daryll Love—and James Coleman, staff counsel of the committee.

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